(d) Does not arise. No employee has been compulsorily retired under the above regulations in the first half of this financial year.

Regularisation of ground staff in AA

3094. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff employed in Alliance Air has not been regularised even after four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the promotion of various categories of ground staff employees is also pending for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The employees in Alliance Air are engaged on Fixed Term Employment Agreement basis, which are renewable. These agreements do not provide for promotions. However, fresh agreements on revised terms are entered into in accordance with the requirements of the Company and past performance of the individuals.

Clearance of encroachments around airports

3095. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Plane Truth: Soon a cow on the runway" which appeared in the Times of India dated 17th March, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to clear the encroachments in the various airports in the country as highlighted in the news-item which are proving serious security hazards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.